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News conference will welcome 12th annual Bronzeville Week

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs will host a news conference TOMORROW – Wednesday, August 2, to launch the 12th annual (2023) Bronzeville Week (August 5-12).

The news conference will start at **10:00 a.m.** Wednesday in front of Pete's Fruit Market at N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and W. North Ave. Joining Alderwoman Coggs will be Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Presenting Sponsors Historic King Drive Business Improvement District #8, American Family Insurance, VISIT Milwaukee, Bader Philanthropies, WestCare Wisconsin, and community partners and residents.

Please see the <u>attached</u> full schedule for additional details on the 12th annual Bronzeville Week (please also check for updates on the Bronzeville Week Facebook page.).

Bronzeville Week 2023 takes place from August 5 - 12, with the **HaRUNbee 5K Walk/Run** kicking things off on Saturday, August 5 at 8:30 a.m. Those interested in participating in the event as a runner, walker, or volunteer can lean more and register here.

Other highlights of this year's Bronzeville Week include:

- Bronzeville Cultural & Arts Festival 10 a.m. 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 6
- A Conversation with Milwaukee's own Shonn Hinton 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7
- Dr. William Finlayson street name change ceremony 11 a.m. on Tuesday,
 August 8
- Bronzeville Business Breakfast 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9

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- Bronzeville Trolley Rides: 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. departures on Thursday, August 10
- Harambee Back to School Block Party: 3 6 p.m. on Friday, August 11
- Bronzeville Art Walk 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12

An official City of Milwaukee event now in its 12th full year, Bronzeville Week has become the premier celebration of Milwaukee's rich African American legacy of culture, arts, history and entertainment.

The Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is a City of Milwaukee redevelopment initiative inspired by Milwaukee's original Bronzeville, and it is striving to revitalize the area of Milwaukee where African-American culture has been a mainstay. The Bronzeville Redevelopment Plan seeks to create economic development in a predominantly African-American neighborhood in a way that recaptures the enthusiasm and attractiveness of the original Bronzeville District. Bounded by Garfield Avenue to Center Street, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive to 7th Street, the Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is wholly located in the 6th Aldermanic District.

Volunteers are still being sought for a variety of Bronzeville Week events. Those interested can connect with Events & Outreach Coordinator Deborah Moore at cmout@milwaukee.gov.